



## PROCLAMATION

# SUPPORT OF CANADA-U.S. PACIFIC ALBACORE TUNA TREATY

**WHEREAS**, the treaty between the governments of Canada and the U.S. on Pacific coast albacore tuna vessels and port privileges was signed in 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement between the two governments allows U.S. and Canadian vessels to fish for albacore in U.S. and Canadian waters seaward of 12 miles from shore; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement allows Canadian vessels to use certain U.S. ports to obtain supplies and services and to land fish, and it allows U.S. vessels to use certain Canadian ports for the same purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the treaty also calls for exchange of fisheries data between the governments of the two nations; and

**WHEREAS**, the treaty is of great importance to U.S. and Canadian harvesters, is a mutually beneficial agreement given the highly migratory nature of albacore tuna, and builds on the cooperation that is essential to sustainable fisheries management for highly migratory species; and

**WHEREAS**, the treaty was amended in 2008 to revise and extend the reciprocal fishing regime for the 2009-2011 fishing seasons, and is set to expire in 2011.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City Council of the City of Ilwaco hereby voices our support for the reauthorization of the Canadian-U.S. Pacific Albacore Tuna Treaty as this treaty means vital economic business to our community, it ensures U.S. fishing vessels continued access to Canadian waters, and to void this treaty would cause grave economic hardship to both the U.S. and Canadian fishermen and to the West Coast seafood and support industries.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 27th day of December, 2010.

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Mike Cassinelli, Mayor